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Title: Need to issue caste certificates to the people belonging to SC category who have migrated from other States to Kharagpur with a view to providing them entitled benefits in West Bengal.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Kharagpur is a cosmopolitan town. Majority of the population settled in this town is from different parts of our country. Most of the toiling and poor people of this town belong to Scheduled Caste category. The number of these sections is around 20,000. A large section of this category is being deprived of their eligible facilities, which have been offered legally and constitutionally for them, as the local administration is denying to issue Scheduled Caste certificates to the family members of the concerned communities. A large section of Scheduled Caste families of Kharagpur town belongs to the following communities.

(1) Bhunia, (2) Bind, (3) Chamar, Munchi, Rabidas, (4) Dhoba, Dhobi, (5) Dom, Dhangad, (6) Hardi, Methar, Bhangi, (7) Kami (Nepali), (8) Kewat, (9) Khatik, (10) Lohar, (11) Mahar, (12) Namosudra, (13) Rajuwar, Rajbar and (14) Sarki (Nepali). Apart from these, a considerable number of families of Scheduled Caste category who have migrated from other States are not being recognised in West Bengal as these communities are not enlisted under Scheduled Caste category in this State.

I urge upon the Union Government to take necessary steps so that a large section of toiling people of Scheduled Caste families of Kharagpur town get justice.